



**United States
Service Academies
Application For Nomination**

**Congressman Chris Bell
25th District of Texas**

Application Instructions

1. Candidates applying to U.S. service academies must meet the following requirements for nomination:
 - a. Age: 17 – 23
 - b. U.S. citizen
 - c. Not married, pregnant or have legal obligations to support a child
 - d. Resident of the 25th district of Texas
2. The application deadline is **November 1**. It is not necessary to send all required information at once. Please submit your applications even if transcripts or test scores are not immediately available. Formal candidacy will be established upon receipt of the completed application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all required items are **received** by 5:00 PM. Applications submitted on the day of the deadline must be brought to our office in person (not by proxy or messenger), must be time stamped, and a receipt must be issued. Completed applications contain the following:
 - a. The attached application for nomination
 - b. Official high school transcript providing evidence of GPA and class rank
 - c. Three letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, one from a community leader or representative, and one from the person of your choice. Each person providing a letter of recommendation should place the letter in a sealed envelope and sign their name across the seal. Recommendation letters may be submitted with the application or mailed separately. Letters must be received by November 1.
3. In addition to submitting a complete application, a candidate must also:
 - a. Apply for admission to one or more service academies by November 1.
 - b. Have a minimum SAT score of 1050 or ACT score of 22, submitted to our office by the testing agency before November 1.
 - c. Receive an interview with the Academies Selections Board. If you do not receive a letter informing you of the time and location of your interview by December 1, please contact the district office at (713) 383-8600.
4. Do not include attachments or additional information in the application. Attachments will not be reviewed. You may include a formal resume.
5. Please print legibly and submit your application to:

Office of Congressman Chris Bell

Attn: Academy Nomination Coordinator
7707 Fannin, Suite 203
Houston, TX 77054

Office: (713) 383-8600
Fax: (713) 797-1905

2004 – 2005 Time line

July 1, 2004 – November 1, 2004	Applications accepted
November 1, 2004	5:00 PM Deadline for applications
November 15, 2004	Candidates notified of their interview time
December 11, 2004	Candidate interviews
December 14, 2004	Candidate interviews
December 20, 2004	Applicants notified of nominations

2004 SAT Dates

June 5, 2004
October 9, 2004
November 6, 2004
December 4, 2004
Congressman Bell's SAT code = 6963

2004 ACT Dates

June 12, 2004
September 25, 2004
October 23, 2004
December 11, 2004
Congressman Bell's ACT code = 7706

U.S. Air Force Academy

Admissions Office
2304 Cadet Drive Suite 210
Colorado Springs, CO 80840
719-333-3070 or 800-443-9266
www.usafa.af.mil

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
300 Steamboat Rd
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
866-546-4778 or 516-773-5391
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Military Academy

Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
845-938-4041
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy

Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-9156
410-293-4361
www.nadn.navy.mil

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25th District of Texas
U.S. Service Academies – Application for Nomination

Legal Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Preferred Name: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____

High School: _____ **Male:** ____ **Female:** ____

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

_____ **Relation:** _____

_____ **Relation:** _____

Present Mailing Address:

Telephone Number: _____

Alternate Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Permanent Mailing Address (if different from above):

Telephone Number: _____

Alternate Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Letters of Recommendation provided by:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Academic Information

Date	Class Rank	Class Size	GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____

Standardized Test Information

Date	Test (SAT/ACT)	Score
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Name: _____

SSN: _____

1. Academy preference (Please rank in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4):

____ Air Force Academy ____ Merchant Marine Academy
____ U.S. Military Academy ____ Naval Academy

2. Date you opened an admission file:

____ Air Force Academy ____ Merchant Marine Academy
____ U.S. Military Academy ____ Naval Academy

3. I am also seeking a nomination through:

____ President* ____ Senator Cornyn
____ Vice President ____ Senator Hutchinson

**Presidential nominations only apply to applicants who have a parent currently on active military duty or a parent retired from active duty.*

4. Please indicate your academic status as of November 1.

____ (a) High school senior ____ (d) College (any classification)
____ (b) Attending an academy prep school ____ (e) Other _____
____ (c) College (any classification) attending on a civil prep scholarship

5. If your answer to question four is other than (a), please list the institution you are attending. _____

Are you a member of the armed forces (ROTC, National Guard, Reserves, Active Duty)? ____ Yes ____ No

Are you a member of a seven-day-a-week cadet corps program?
____ Yes ____ No

For questions six through ten, please provide a typed and numbered response. Please limit your answers to the questions asked and to half of a page each. At the top right corner of each page, please include your name and social security number. Only include information beginning your freshman year in high school.

6. Employment History: Please include dates employed, the employer, number of hours per week, your position, and a description of job responsibilities.

7. Athletic Organizations: Please include the sport, the grade level, and any leadership positions held.

8. Academic / Student Organizations: Please include the organization name, a description of the organization, the grade level, and any leadership positions or awards you received.

9. Awards / Honors / Scholarships: List three awards, honors, or scholarships that most exemplify your commitment to excellence. Please include the name of the award, the year received, the presenting organization, and the award criteria.

10. Community Service: Please include the name of the organization, the time frame, and a brief description of the organization and your involvement.

Congressman Bell would now like to hear from you in your own words.

11. In what ways have you exhibited leadership in your community? This essay should be one page typed and double-spaced.

12. “Why I should be selected for nomination to a U.S. service academy?” This essay should be two pages typed and double-spaced.

Please read before signing: I certify that I am a resident of the 25th congressional district of Texas. I also understand that if I have not submitted **ALL** the necessary material and/or do not have an **OPEN** admissions file with an academy by **NOVEMBER 1**, I will **NOT** be given consideration for a nomination.

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 STATEMENT: Congressman Chris Bell, please monitor my progress in seeking an appointment to the academy. I hereby give my consent to the academy to divulge any information from my records for this purpose.

PRINTED NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____